

641—11.48(139B,141) Contagious or infectious diseases, not including HIV—hospitals.

11.48(1) Notification for blood-borne viral hepatitis shall take place only upon the filing of an exposure report form with the hospital.

11.48(2) Notification shall take place whether or not an exposure report form has been filed for the following contagious or infectious diseases if the identity of the emergency care provider or the designated officer is known:

a. Meningococcal meningitis.

b. Tuberculosis (communicable). Tuberculosis may require six to ten weeks for disease confirmation.

11.48(3) These rules do not require a hospital to administer a test for the express purpose of determining the presence of a contagious or infectious disease.

11.48(4) The notification shall not include the name of the patient with the contagious or infectious disease unless the patient gives written consent.

11.48(5) These rules do not preclude a hospital from providing notification to an emergency care provider or health care provider under circumstances in which the hospital's policy provides for notification of the hospital's own employees of an exposure to a disease that is not life-threatening. The exposure report shall not reveal the patient's name unless the patient gives written consent.

11.48(6) A hospital's duty of notification under these rules is not continuing. It is limited to a diagnosis of a contagious or infectious disease made in the course of admission, care, and treatment following the rendering of emergency assistance or treatment for which the notification requirements of these rules apply.